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Classified By: Ambassador J. Thomas Schieffer for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Embassy Tokyo Political officer delivered reftel demarche September 19 and followed up September 28 with MOFA Human Rights Division Principal Deputy Director Takako Ito and Human Rights Division Officer Makoto Tanabe. Tanabe said that Japan had been approached by multiple countries seeking support for their UNCAT candidates. The decision will be made by Human Rights Division Director Tetsuya Kimura, he added. Japan "always makes its decision at the last minute," noted Ito, who did not feel that a call to MOFA Ambassador in charge of UN affairs Masato Kitera would be useful. Schieffer